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**Box Patent Application**

Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)  
Appl. No. (to be assigned); Filed: January 17, 2002  
For: **Platen Heaters for Biometric Image Capturing Devices**  
Inventors: Carver *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1823.0440001

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.  
Patent and Trademark Office:

1. USPTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form PTO/SB/05;
2. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

**Platen Heaters for Biometric Image Capturing Devices**

and naming as inventors:

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the application comprising:

- a. specification containing:
    - i. Fourteen (14) pages of description prior to the claims;
    - ii. Five (5) pages of claims (24 claims, 5 independent);
    - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
  - b. Eight (8) sheets of drawings: (Figures 1-8); and
  - c. an Application Data Sheet (37 C.F.R. § 1.76);
3. 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time (*in duplicate*); and
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Respectfully submitted,

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Attorney Docket No. 1823.0440001  
First Inventor John F. Carver  
Title Platen Heaters for Biometric Image Capturing Devices  
Express Mail Label No.

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1. ☐ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
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2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.

3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 20]

(preferred arrangement set forth below)

- Descriptive title of the Invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
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- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 8]

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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR §§  
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76.

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program  
(Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)

a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)

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ii. ☐ paper

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9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

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(when there is an assignee)

11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)

12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS  
Citations

13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment

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